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SUBJECT: TUC BREAKS LITTLE NEW GROUND IN INTERNATIONAL

AFFAIRS BUT PROMISES TO COOPERATE ACTIVELY WITH

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SUMMARY - THE TUC CONGRESS DISCUSSION ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SEPT. 4, KEYNOTED BY JACK JONES, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE, CLEARLY LACKED THE TENSION

AND SPARK WHICH CHARACTERIZED LAST YEAR'S MEETING -- WHEN THE EC MEMBERSHIP ISSUE WAS A CENTRAL POLITICAL QUESTION IN THE NATION. THIS TIME THE TUC ACKNOWLEDGED, A LITTLE GRUDGINGLY, THAT THE UK WAS IN THE EC TO STAY AND PROMISED TO COOPERATE ACTIVELY IN ITS INSTITUTIONS. ON THE WHILE, THE TUC BROKE PRACTICALLY NO NEW GROUND IN

FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUT CONFIRMED, FOR THE MOST PART, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN EXISTENCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. END SUMMARY.

1. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY -- THE TUC CONGRESS ACCEPTED "THE DECISION OF THE PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN TO CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC" AND, IN KEYNOTER JACK JONES' WORDS, WILL NOW WORK "TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF BRITISH WORKERS." (IT WILL BE SHORTLY SENDING A PRESTIGIOUS DELEGATION TO THE EC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.) AT THE SAME TIME, ECHOING TO SOME EXTENT THE LANGUAGE USED BY ANTI-MARKETEERS DURING THE REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN, THE TUC ACCEPTED CLIVE JENKINS' (ASTMS) POINT THAT "THERE BE NO IRREVOCABLE STEPS TOWARDS EUROPEAN UNION WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND WHOLEHEARTED CONSENT OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE." THE TUC MADE IT CLEAR THAT WHILE IT WANTS A MORE DEMOCRATIC AND RESPONSIBLE EC, IT STILL FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT ITS POLITICAL EXPANSION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY RESTRICTED.

2. JONES EMPHASIZED THAT THE TUC'S CONCEPT OF EUROPE WENT BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EC. THE TUC, HE SAID, WOULD SEEK FROM THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC), OF WHICH IT IS A FOUNDING MEMBER, A "NEW INVIGORATING APPROACH" IN ORDER "TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF BIG BUSINESS DOMINATION AND THE ECONOMIC DISORDERS OF WESTERN EUROPE." HE CRITICIZED THE "SLOW PROGRESS" MADE BY THE ETUC IN THIS RESPECT.

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4. EAST-WEST RELATIONS -- THE TUC REITERATED ITS POLICY OF EXPANDING CONTACTS WITH UNIONS FROM EASTERN EUROPE THROUGH BOTH BI-LATERAL EXCHANGE AND MULTINATIONAL FORA. A RESOLUTION -- VOTED WITHOUT DISSENT -- DECLARED THAT THE TUC SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO BRING THE ICFTU AND THE COMMUNIST-LED WFTU MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER (BORIS AVERYANOV, THE SOVIET ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE WFTU

REMAINED AT THE CONGRESS FOR THE FULL SESSION AND SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH DELEGATES). JONES ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT ANOTHER ALL-EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE PLACE IN FEBRUARY. GENERAL SECRETARY LEN MURRAY, HOWEVER, LATER EMPHASIZED THAT THE CONCEPT OF ONE SINGLE WORLD GROUPING OF UNIONS OF ALL POLITICAL TENDENCIES WAS A GOAL RATHER THAN A CURRENT PRE-OCCUPATION OF THE TUC AND THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD CONTINUE TO RELY MAINLY ON BI-LATERAL CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST UNIONS AND PERIODICAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. THUS, THE TUC "DRANG NOCH OSTEN" CONTINUES BUT AT A MODERATE PACE.

4. THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION -- THE CONGRESS STRONGLY ENDORSED A FERVENT PLEA BY JONES TO THE UNIONS IN THE U.S., GERMANY AND JAPAN "TO PREVENT THE FINANCIAL DESTRUCTION OF THE ILO." JONES WAS REFERRING TO THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE PLO AT THE ILO CONFERENCE IN JUNE, WHICH RESULTED IN THE INITIAL WALKOUT OF THE U.S., GERMAN, AND ISRAELI.

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DELEGATIONS AND THE SUBSEQUENT SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS  
BY THE U.S. ON THIS ISSUE. (JONES MAY HAVE BEEN IN ER-  
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ROR WHEN HE ATTRIBUTED SIMILAR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS  
BY THE JAPANESE AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS TO THE PLO IS-  
SUE.) HE DECLARED: "DON'T LET THE ILO DIE:" AND HE  
URGED THE TWO AMERICAN FRATERNAL DELEGATES -- AFL-CIO  
VICE-PRESIDENTS WILLIAM SIDELL AND SOL STETIN TO CARRY  
A MESSAGE ALONG THESE LINES TO THEIR ORGANIZATION.

5. SPAIN AND PORTUGAL -- THE CONGRESS CALLED FOR "SUP-  
PORT FOR ALL THOSE IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL WHO ARE FIGHT-  
ING FOR AN END TO FASCISM AND MILITARISM AND THE ESTA-  
BLISHMENT OF DEMOCRACY, AND TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL SOLI-  
DARITY CAMPAIGN WITH THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE WORKERS  
FOR FREE AND DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONS." IRONICALLY, RE-  
PRESENTATIVES OF OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE POLITICAL SPEC-  
TRUM -- MICK MCGAHEY, COMMUNIST MINE UNION (NUM) LEADER,  
MOVED THE RESOLUTION AND ERIC HAMMOND, A RIGHT-WINGER  
FROM THE ELECTRICIANS UNION (EPTU) -- WHO SECONDED THE  
RESOLUTION, APPEARED TO BE MAKING COMMON CAUSE, BUT  
EACH INTERPRETED THE RESOLUTION IN TOTALLY DIFFERENT

WAYS. MCGAHEY, OF COURSE, VIEWED THE THREAT IN PORTUGAL  
AS COMING FROM THE RIGHT AND HAMMOND. FROM THE LEFT.

6. NORTHERN IRELAND -- THE TUC OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED  
A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A "BILL OF  
RIGHTS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND WHICH WOULD BAN ALL FORMS

OF DISCRIMINATION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS AND GUARANTEE  
FREE, DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS." IT DID SO AFTER RAY BUCK-  
TON, RAILROAD UNION LEADER, (ASLEF) AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
TRADE UNIONIST ANDREW BARR MADE PASSIONATE PLEAS FOR  
NEW AND URGENT ATTEMPTS TO SECURE A SOLUTION TO THE  
CONFLICT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW WAVE OF BOMBINGS IN  
NORTHERN IRELAND AND BRITAIN.

7. OTHER ACTION -- THE CONGRESS REAFFIRMED ITS STRONG  
OOPOSITION TO THE MILITARY REGIME IN CHILE; WELCOMED THE  
END OF THE VIETNAM WAR. IT ALSO ATTACKED APARTHEID,  
PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR POLICIES DESIGNED TO PRODUCE MAJORITY  
RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. IT CALLED FOR TUC  
COOPERATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF TRADE  
UNIONS (SACTU) AND URGED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT -TO TAKE  
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ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO WITHDRAW INVESTMENT BY BRITISH  
COMPANIES IN SOUTH AFRICA." (FULL TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS  
AND OTHER REPORTS WILL BE POUCHED.)

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